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For: AUTOMATED MANUAL)
TRANSMISSION AND SHIFT)
METHOD)

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Sir:

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Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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